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The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (“CCHR”) Marks the Ninth Anniversary of Dr. Kem Ley’s Death

On 10 July 2025, CCHR will commemorate the ninth anniversary of the death of Dr. Kem Ley, a prominent political commentator and advocate for democracy and human rights in Cambodia. From 2011 to 2015, Dr. Kem Ley also served as a member of CCHR’s Board of Directors. On 10 July 2016, Dr. Kem Ley was tragically shot dead in broad daylight at a gas station in Phnom Penh.

To mark the anniversary of his death, CCHR will conduct a series of online and physical activities, as outlined below:

- From 2-7 July, quotes from Kem Ley will be posted on CCHR’s Facebook page.
- On 4 July, a radio talk show titled “Ninth Commemoration of the Death of Dr. Kem Ley” will be produced by CCHR’s Radio Program and livestreamed on its Facebook page.
- On 7 July, the event Commemoration of the Death of Dr. Kem Ley, will take place at CCHR’s office.
- On 10 July, a video titled “Kem Ley’s Contribution to Democratic Society in Cambodia” will be posted on CCHR’s Facebook page.
- On 17 July, a video titled “Memory” will be posted on CCHR’s Facebook page in honor of Dr. Kem Ley.

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Notes to the Editor:

Founded in November 2002, CCHR is a non-aligned, independent, non-governmental organization that works to promote and protect democracy and respect for human rights – primarily civil and political rights - in Cambodia.

CCHR is a member of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX), the global network for freedom of expression, and CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation. CCHR is also a member of the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT) SOS-Torture Network and OECD Watch.

The Cambodian Human Rights Portal www.sithi.org is the 2011 winner of the Information Society Innovation Fund Award in the category of Rights and Freedoms and the 2013 winner of the Communication for Social Change Award awarded by the Centre for Communication and Social Change at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.